GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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DISPOSAL OF CASES AGAINST POLITICIAN AND SR. GOVT. OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any steps for the expeditious disposal of cases pending in the courts against politicians and senior Government officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases disposed of as a result thereof till now; and

(d) the action to be taken by the Union Government to clear such cases expeditiously still pending?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): In Arivazhagan Vs. State, the Supreme Court of India, vide judgement dated 8th March, 2000 (reported in 2000(2) scale 263) inter alia, directed that :-

` .....It is true that the concept of speedy trial must apply to all trials, but in the trials for offences relating to corruption the pace must be accelerated with greater momentum due to a variety of reasons.....`

(c): No separate data is maintained in this regard.

(d): Government has taken various steps for speedy disposal of cases. These include, inter-alia, establishment of Special Courts (including Special CBI Courts)/tribunals, filling up the vacant posts of Judges/Judicial Officers in the courts and makingnecessary amendments in the procedural laws.